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SENATOR KENNEDY: Two weeks ago I said there was nothing wrong with LB513, it should have been passed a year ago. We need the bill to clarify so that all nursing homes and establishments that should be licensed, can be licensed. We've worked on the bill a year, a year and a half. We've had all the consultation, all the lawyers involved. The amendment that Senator Goodrich has was printed, I think, January 30. I disagreed with it then, I still disagree with it, and I do not know why he held it last week. I asked him. I said I'd like to visit with the people involved. I did visit with Mr. Snowden. I did visit with the Health Department. I did visit with Mr. Peter's office. I visited with the nursing homes, establishments. I cannot answer Senator Goodrich as to what he is trying to do, except we need LB513. It should have been passed last year and I said that here on the floor. If someone has some real objections to it, I'd certainly like to work on it. But I cannot see anything wrong with 513 that is now on the Board for Final Reading. I've said this many times.

SENATOR GOODRICH: Alright now, I'd like to tell the Body just exactly why for example, it's taken this long to actually get the amendment out where we could look at it. Cause, you have held it in your file. It's dated January 30, I've been waiting for these people to get the results to me for quite some time now. We've had to bracket it three different times and yet when the amendment come over here it got stuck in your file and I didn't even get a copy of it. Why don't we just hold the bill off for a week and print this amendment in the Journal. Let anybody that wants to check it, check to see what's in it. And then we'll make a decision on it.

PRESIDENT: Alright now, Senator Kennedy.

SENATOR KENNEDY: I would ask that we go ahead and vote on the bill and I should have done this two weeks ago. I think Senator Goodrich has had the amendment. If he's lost it on his desk, I've given him full information that I've had all the time. And I told him week after week, if you have a complaint on it, get it, get it solved. I would like to go ahead and vote on 513. I think it's been on the Board long enough.

PRESIDENT: Alright now, Senator Goodrich what is your pleasure back there? You made the original motion to return the bill to Select File for specific amendment.

SENATOR GOODRICH: I'll withdraw that motion with the understanding that we're just going to bracket the thing, for I don't care if it's a whole week, but today is Tuesday, let's bracket for Thursday and print the amendment in the Journal and anybody can do any checking they want to as to what the effect of this amendment is and we'll make the determination Thursday as to whether we actually bring the bill back and put the amendment on it as is necessary, or whether we let the bill go the way it is.

PRESIDENT: OK, now the motion before us now is to bracket the bill until Thursday and print the amendment in the Journal. Are there any objections to bracketing the bill until Thursday? Hearing none, so ordered then and the amendment will be printed in the Journal. That moves us on to Final Reading of LB598. We're still on Final Reading and I see Senators up out of their seats. I wonder if it would be possible to ask them to take their seats so we can continue with Final Reading. Attention please for Final Reading of LB598. Senator Kennedy will you turn off your light, please.